

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 16, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-3, 8, 9, 12, and 13 were pending, that claims 4-7, 10 and 11 have been withdrawn, allowed claims 1-3, 8, 9 and 13 and rejected claim 12. Claim 12 has been canceled, and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-3, 8, 9 and 13 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

TRAVERSAL OF REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 12 has been cancelled.

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101. It is also submitted that claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 13 continue to be allowable. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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